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26 December 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission C278C

on 17 December 1968. This was a round robin mission flown designed

Pilot was operational mission.

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This was his first

Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance

1106 NM

Time to Landing

3+15 Hours

Mission Profile

Maximum Altitude

Take-off Fuel

895 Gallons

Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone

250 Gallons

Targets: This mission was programmed for use of the "H" Camera Configuration to obtain photographic coverage of 22 COMIREX targets. The route was planned to obtain photographs of coastal targets from Shanghai south along the China mainland to a point opposite Taipei.

- 2. Actual Mission Data: Take off was at 0200Z and landing at 0535Z for a mission duration of 3+35 hours.
 - a. Target Coverage:
 - (1) Of the 22 programmed COMIREX targets, 11 were covered with photo interpretability ranging from poor to fair.
 - (2) There were 18 bonus COMIREX targets photographed on this mission.

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(3) Fourteen bonus non-COMIREX targets were also photographically covered.

b. The weather along the route was as follows: The first leg was Category I and II (0 to 2/8 cloud cover). Legs two and three were clear. Legs four and five were Category III and IV (3/8 to 7/8 cloud cover). The last leg was Category II and III (2/8 to 4/8 cloud cover). The weather for the first half of the mission was slightly better than briefed, whereas the last half appeared to have slightly greater cloud coverage than briefed. There was light haze present throughout the entire mission.

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- 6. Photo Analysis: Of the 43 total tagets covered, one was considered good, 19 as fair and the remaining 23 were rated poor on interpretability. Overall quality was fair with 20 per cent cloud cover. There were also 32 targets listed as covered but for identification only. Degradation was attributed to obliquity and haze with clouds being a contributing factor.
- 7. Maintenance: Article 385 was flown on this mission. With the exception of one minor autopilot write-up, there were no discrepancies.

8. Communications: Radio, operation was satisfactory.	navaids and	25X1A
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Attachments - 2 Route Overlay Target Coverage

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